

SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES, CAMINO LUMBER MILL, El Dorado County

Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) owns and operates the Camino Lumber Mill in the community of Camino. Lumber processing produces various waste streams from log deck runoff, planing and milling, boiler/dry kiln wastewater and other ancillary operations associated with the sawmill operation. The wastewater facilities include a wastewater recirculation system for the log deck wastewater; three storage ponds; a filtration system; spray irrigation disposal area; and, a linear storage pond which is used to store excess log deck wastewater. Intermittent discharges of commingled process wastewater and storm water are discharged from the site. The receiving waters are tributary to North Canyon Creek and to the South Fork of the American River.

Significant changes from the previous permit include implementation of Federal Regulations for lumber processing facilities, improvements to land disposal practices, groundwater monitoring, a more definitive monitoring and reporting program, and an updated aluminum effluent limitation. Compliance time schedules are provided in the permit as necessary. (RPM)